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SUBJ: THIRD MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILEAN CRIMES

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1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW JAN 15, LIC. JESUS REYES HEROLES, PRESIDENT OF THE RULING PRI, ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A MEXICAN COMMITTEE TO RUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION ON THE CRIMES OF THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE. ACCORDING TO A REPORT APPEARING IN SEMI-OFFICIAL NACIONAL JAN 16, HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WILL ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH HIS CABINET.

2. REYES HEROLES WILL SERVE AS COORDINATOR FOR THE MEXICAN COMMITTEE WHICH IS LARGE AND INCLUDES MEMBERS REPRESENTING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: THE PRI, COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS, RURAL WORKERS, LABOR, WRITERS, INTELLECTUALS, AND RECTORS OF UNIVERSITIES. IN ADDITION TO FIGURES MENTIONED IN REFTEL PARA 2, THE FOLLOWING WERE NAMED TO THE PRESIDUM (OR PRESIDENCIA) OF THIS COMMITTEE (COMMENTS IN PARENTHESIS): ARNALDO MARTINEZ VERDUGO

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(SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY);

CESAR DEL ANGEL FUENTES (FORMER FEDERAL DEPUTY AND LEADER OF RURAL WORKERS); PABLO GONZALEZ CASANOVA (EXRECTO OF THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO); LIC. NATALIO VAZQUEZ PALLARES (FORMER PRI SENATOR FROM MICHAOACAN AND A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF EX-PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS); ADOLFO MEJIA GONZALEZ (NO BIO INFO AVAILABLE); ALFONSO RANGEL GARCIA (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING); CARLOS PELLICER (PROMINENT MEXICAN POET WHO HAS MADE PUBLIC HIS HOSTILITY TOWARD THE U.S. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS) AND IGNACIO GARCIA TELLER (A PROMINENT LEFTIST AND LONG TIME ASSOCIATE OF AND SECRETARY OF GOBERNACION UNDER CARDENAS).

3. ON JAN 17, SEMI-OFFICIAL NACIONAL EDITORIALIZED THAT MEXICO IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE SITE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION WHICH IT CHARACTERIZED AS AN ACT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMANITY AND LIBERTY. IN CONTRAST, CONSERVATIVE DAILY EL HERALDO POINTED OUT IN ITS EDITORIAL THAT THIS COMMISSION IS ONE OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS BORN IN AND DIRECTED FROM THE KREMLIN. NOTING THAT MEXICAN HOSPITALITY IS EXTENDED TO VISITORS OF ALL IDEOLIGIES, HERALDO NEVERTHELESS WARNED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE COMMISSION CONFINES ITSELF TO APPROPRIATE MATTERS WHEN IT MEETS HERE.

4. COMMENT: THE MEETING OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION OBVIOUSLY NOT ONLY HAS OFFICIAL GOM APPROVAL BUT IS ALSO THE BENEFICIARY OF ACONCERTED GOM EFFORT TO INVOLVE AS MANY GROUPS AS POSSIBLE IN THIS PROJECT. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE HERALDO EDITORIAL TOOK CONSIDERABLE COURAGE. IN ADDITION, THE PARTIDO ACCION NACIONAL, A MEDERATE TO CONERVATIVE GENUINE OPPOSITION PARTY, HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE GOM'S POSTURE TOWARD CHILE AND HAS REFUSED TO BEOMCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMISSION (IF IT WAS EVER INVITED TO DO SO).

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